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SUBJECT: U.S. NUCLEAR TEAM VISIT

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1. DCM INFORMED MOFA VICE MINISTER FRED CHIEN, DECEMBER 31, THAT U.S. NUCLEAR TEAM PLANNED TO BEGIN WORK IN TAIPEI JANUARY 17, AND THAT AT THIS STAGE, AT LEAST, WE WISHED TO AVOID ANY PUBLICITY. DCM ALSO MADE REQUEST THAT MOFA INFORM INER OF VISIT AND ASK INER TO PROVIDE COPIES OF FLOOR PLANS, PER PARA 10 (B) REFTEL. WE AGREED THAT PLANS SHOULD BE DELIVERED TO EMBASSY BY JANUARY 16.

2. CHIEN'S ATTITUDE WAS VERY RELAXED AND FORTHCOMING, AND HE GAVE NO INDICATION THAT HE ANTICIPATED ANY PROBLEMS. WITH REGARD TO PUBLICITY HE THOUGHT IT BEST TO PLAY THE VISIT IN "LOW KEY". ON THIS POINT, DCM SAID HE WOULD GET BACK TO CHIEN IF AND WHEN WE HAD FURTHER THOUGHTS REGARDING PRESS HANDLING.

3. IN RESPONSE TO CHIEN'S QUESTION ABOUT SIZE OF TEAM, ITS COMPOSITION AND ITINERARY, DCM REPLIED THAT EMBASSY HAD NO DEFINITE WORD ON NAMES OR NUMBERS YET ALTHOUGH HE "GUESSED" THAT THERE MIGHT BE A HALF-A-

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DOZEN OR SO IN THE GROUP. ON THE ITINERARY, DCM SAID THAT WHILE WE HAD BEEN DOING SOME PRELIMINARY THINKING -- THERE ARE SOME LOGICAL PEOPLE AND PLACES THAT COME TO MIND -- NOTHING DEFINITE HAD BEEN WORKED OUT AND THAT HE (DCM) FELT THAT TEAM WOULD WISH TO KEEP ITS SCHEDULE AS FLEXIBLE AS POSSIBLE SO AS TO

PERMIT IT TO ARRANGE A MOST USEFUL PROGRAM DURING THE
COURSE OF ITS VISIT. CHIEN ACCEPTED ALL OF THIS IN
GOOD STYLE WITHOUT OBJECTION. DCM AGREED TO KEEP
HIM AS FULLY AND AS PROMPTLY INFORMED AS POSSIBLE
AS PLANS FOR THE TEAM'S VISIT DEVELOPED.

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